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HARVEST RICE EARLY.

Prevent Migratory Birds from Getting This Valuable Food Crop.

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Rice growers should make every effort this year to harvest their crop early and store it safely. This is being urged by the United States Department of Agriculture as an important measure to save this valuable food crop from migratory ducks and other birds. Last year rice growers in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas delayed harvesting for various reasons, and before they realized it great flocks of wild ducks and blackbirds, which had returned to the Sunny South to spend the winter, were feasting in their fields. From November 20 to December 10 of last year these birds wrought considerable havoc in the rice area of Arkansas, and to a lesser extent in Louisiana, and Texas. In one neighborhood in Arkansas \$40,000 worth of rice was destroyed. It probably will be possible this season to harvest all of the rice in this region before November 15, and thus prevent most of the damage and loss from migratory birds such as was experienced last year.

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